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1. The East German Committee of Anti-Fascist Resistance Fighters decided in June 1955 to set up a curatorium for the reconstruction of national memorials. Functioning under the chairmanship of Minister President Otto Grotewohl, and with Minister for Heavy Industry Fritz Selbmann as a member, the curatorium will raise funds for the memorials to be erected in Buchenwald, Sachsenhausen, and Ravensbrueck. Contributions toward so-called "building stones" (Bausteine) will be collected for this purpose.

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2. So that leading employees of the Ministry for Heavy Industry can also participate in the drive, Selbmann has requested that all plant directors under the Ministry contribute toward a "building stone" to the appropriate proportion of their net salaries. This request was also applied to other leading enterprise functionaries. Within the Ministry itself, the social organizations (the SED, the trade unions, and the FDJ) will carry out collections among the remaining employees.

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